Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 12 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 13 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 11 Mar 2021 at 14:09 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High, falling low for Tuesday.

Headline for Friday 12 Mar 2021: Frequent snow showers bringing blizzard condtions and sunny intervals. Gales and severe wind chill.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 12 Mar 2021

Blizzards High Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Medium Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers (night)	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
80%	80%	70%	80%	80%	80%	80%	70%

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Weather: Frequent snow showers, some heavy with the odd lightning strike possible. Blizzard conditions due to the strong winds and sub-zero temperatures.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40% - but varying markedly as showers move through. Nearer 20% over highest summits with only brief clearances.

Visibility: Good away from showers but frequent rapid deteriorations to poor or very poor in showers, with cloud descending to 500-600m at times with lower patches in the west.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	40/53 SW	37/49 SW	31/42 SW	32/43 SW	35/48 SW	30/42 SW	28/38 SW	21/28 S	14/19 S
900	27/39 SW	26/37 SW	23/33 SW	23/33 SW	24/35 SW	22/34 SW	20/31 SW	15/23 S	10/15 S
600	34/46 SW	31/42 SW	27/37 SW	26/36 SW	32/43 SW	25/37 SW	25/34 SW	19/26 S	8/13 SE
300	17/27 SW	16/25 SW	16/26 SW	16/26 SW	16/28 SW	16/28 SW	13/23 SW	10/19 S	5/10 S
Glen	13/29 SW	12/26 SW	12/25 SW	11/24 SW	15/32 SW	13/27 SW	10/23 SW	6/17 S	3/9 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-5/-16	-5/-16	-5/-15	-5/-15	-5/-15	-5/-14	-5/-14	-5/-13	-4/-11
900	-3/-11	-3/-11	-3/-11	-3/-11	-3/-11	-3/-10	-3/-10	-3/-9	-3/-8
600	-0/-9	-0/-9	-1/-9	-1/-8	-1/-9	-0/-8	-1/-8	-0/-6	-0/-4
300	2/-4	2/-4	1/-5	2/-4	1/-4	2/-3	1/-4	2/-3	1/-1
Glen	4/-1	3/-1	3/-2	4/-1	4/-1	3/-1	3/-0	3/1	2/0
Freezing Level*	400m	400m	400m	400m	300m	400m	400m	500m	500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note the very low feels like temperatures at height.

Forecast for Saturday 13 Mar 2021
Weather: Overnight snow showers dying out to leave a mainly dry morning with some sunny spells. Turning cloudier in the afternoon with a few snow showers arriving on strengthening northwesterly winds.

Maximum wind: Easing overnight to be west to northwest 15-20mph by dawn, rising to 35 gusts 50mph by afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% in morning with scattered cloud patches then falling 40% in the afternoon.

Visibility: Mainly good, occasionally poor in snow snowers in the afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 1 Celsius rising to Plus 6 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 300m overnight rising to 600m in the afternoon.

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